

ISSUE OF DUPLICATE MEDALS.

MAY 15, 1896.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CURTIS, of New York, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. R. 7.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. R. 7) authorizing the issue of duplicate medals when the originals have been lost or destroyed, having had the same under consideration, recommend that the bill do pass, and attach hereto and make a part of this report the report of the Military Committee of the Senate.

[Senate Report No. 378, Fifty-fourth Congress, first session.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. R. 7) authorizing the issue of duplicate medals where the originals have been lost or destroyed, have examined the same, and report:

The bill provides that in any case where the President of the United States has caused a medal to be made and presented to any person on account of distinguished services, and such medal has been lost or destroyed through no fault of the beneficiary, a duplicate thereof may be made and delivered to such beneficiary.

The committee deem the purpose sought to be accomplished by the bill a proper purpose, involving but very little expense and providing the only means possible whereby persons who have earned and without fault of their own lost this evidence of appreciation of meritorious services may secure a duplicate thereof.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the joint resolution with an amendment.

Insert in line 9, after the word "beneficiary," the words "and that diligent search has been made therefor."